GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Electrification of Villages in Tribal Areas
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for electrification of all un-electrified villages, including those in tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to work out off-grid solutions for electrification of villages located in far flung areas where grid extension is neither feasible nor cost effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : As reported by the States, there were 18,452 un-electrified villages, as on 01.04.2015, including those villages falling under tribal areas in the country. Out of these, 13123 villages have been electrified as on 31.03.2017. The remaining villages are targeted to be electrified by May, 2018.

(c) : Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) scheme is for providing electricity access to un-electrified villages/habitations, where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective. So far, 4,220 projects have been sanctioned under DDG for electrification of remote areas, 893 projects have been commissioned, as on 28.02.2017.

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